

## Selectmen's Meeting Minutes

Date: June 13<sup>th</sup>, 2011

Attendees: Selectmen- Michele Gaillard, Sukey Heard, Larry Wilson  
Town Clerk- Jennifer Hall  
Treasurer- Mary McDonald

Agenda:

Treasurer's Report and Warrant Articles  
Bonus Procedure  
Harcourt Property  
Old Fire Barn  
Town Meeting  
Town Hall Electric Evaluation  
Water/Electric Line  
Municipal Liability protection (email)  
Arrowsic Scholarships  
Representative to MEDDGA  
EMA Emergency Station  
Jorgensen Estimate  
Review Preliminary State Valuation  
Sagadahoc County Commissioners communication  
Other  
Mail  
Minutes  
Adjourn

Larry called meeting to order at 6:00 PM

1. **Treasurer's Report and Warrant Articles-** Warrant # 22 for \$60,350.51 approved and signed. Mary received the engagement letter from Purdy-Powers for the 2010/2011 audit. Sukey moved to sign the agreement. Michele seconded and all were in favor. The letter was signed by Larry and Mary to accept the agreement. The audit is scheduled for the 1<sup>st</sup> week of September.
2. **Bonus Procedure-** Larry would like to explore the Compensation Committee's suggestion to award bonuses based on performance. It is unprecedented and will require more discussion at a later time after Town Meeting.
3. **Harcourt Property-** The Selectmen feel that the property should be given 1<sup>st</sup> refusal to the abutters for a reasonable offer and with a deadline to clear the structure from the property. They also mentioned that the same be done with the old fire barn.
4. **Old Fire Barn-** The electric has officially been shut off. It was originally turned on in 1975.
5. **Town Meeting Review-** There are a couple of items to be announced before the actual meeting is called to order so that will begin around 6:20 with the meeting coming to order at 6:30.
6. **Town Hall Electric Evaluation-** Based on the recommendation of the MMA in an earlier letter, the Selectmen had the Town Hall evaluated by an electrician. He made some recommendations that the Selectmen will act upon before the end of this fiscal year and then finish next year.
7. **Water Electric Line to Town Hall-** At this time the Selectmen are not going to run the lines from the new Fire Station to the Town Hall.
8. **Municipal Liability Protection (email)** - There is a bill being introduced into Legislature weakening liability exemptions for municipalities under Tort law. The Selectmen will look into the issue more closely before deciding what to do..
9. **Arrowsic Scholarships-** Michele moves to award scholarships to Henry Arsenault, Charlotte Briggs, and Natasha Dyer. Sukey seconded and all were in favor.
10. **Representative to MEDDGA-** Eloise Vitelli has requested that the Selectmen appoint her as representative to the Midcoast Economic Development District General Assembly. Michele moved to appoint Eloise, Sukey seconded and all were in favor.
11. **EMA Emergency Station-** Jennifer suggested that the Command Station be moved to the new Fire Station since it has a generator and running water at all times. The Selectmen will speak to Chris Cummings and Pauline McLuer about it.
12. **Jorgensen Estimate-** Bob Rogers received an estimate from Mark Jorgensen regarding the replacement of the driveway markers that are at the Rte. 127 entrance to Town Hall. The complete cost of replacing the

poles with granite posts is \$1300. The Selectmen are going to have Bob talk to Mark about other alternatives.

13. **Review Preliminary State Valuation-** The preliminary State valuation of the town is \$89,750,000. That puts the valuation at 71%, up from 64% last year.
14. **Sagadahoc County Commissioners communication-** There was a budget increase because of LD 422 adding \$180,628 for the Lincoln County Jail. That caused a budget shortfall of \$201,905. There is \$23,949 added to the total county tax levy. The final amount will be given to the town after the meeting on 6.15.11.
15. **Minutes-** 5/9, 5/23 and today (6/13) are approved as amended.
16. **Mail-** a letter from MMA regarding insurance for volunteers. Sukey will check to see if the firefighters are covered under this or a different policy.
17. Meeting adjourned at 8:12 PM

Respectfully submitted,  
Jennifer Hall, Town Clerk